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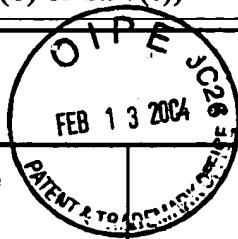
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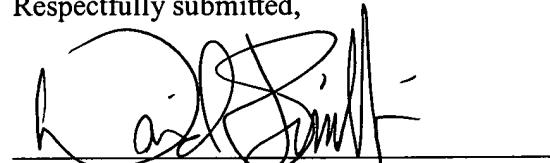
Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby submits three references deemed relevant in the prosecution of a patent application to which the above-captioned patent application claims priority. Of the three references, only one is a United States patent, namely United States patent 6,217,089.

A second reference, German patent 100 44 409 A1 discloses a motor vehicle bumper section formed as a divided box section from a sheet of steel, wherein the section begins with a flange 5 and a divider 8 extending down and across the bottom and up to form a front face for welded 7 to the flange 5 after which the top and upper rear ending 3 at the center rear. The section is formed in a continual process and cut to length.

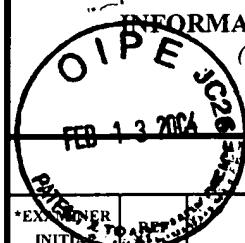
The third reference, EP0 887 235 A1 discloses a hollow body section for such things as motor vehicle doors and bumper reinforcement. This reference discloses the hollow body section that is made from folded sheet metal. The internal space is divided into two or more spaces 2a, 2b by an internal bulkhead 3 across the middle of the profile. One end of the bulkhead 3 is secured in the weld seam 4 of the profile while the other end is spot welded to the interior of the profile. The internal bulkhead is part of the same sheet metal and is produced by folding over the sheet in the weld scene. The free end of the bulkhead 3 is flanged and is secured to the inside of the profile by welding and/or riveting.

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REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
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	100 44 409 A1		DE				✓
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